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NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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(North Dakota) Feds: Oil from Dakota fields improperly classified. Officials with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration announced February 4 that crude oil transferred from North Dakota's Bakken region to rail loading stations was misclassified and proposed fining 3 companies involved in the shipments, Hess Corp., Whiting Oil and Gas Corp., and Marathon Oil Co., a total of \$93,000. A train with 72 tank cars of Bakken oil derailed in Quebec and exploded in July 2013, killing 47 people and destroying 30 buildings.

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2014/02/04/3750089/feds-oil-from-nd-fields-improperly.html>

(North Dakota) North Dakota oil patch truckers dumping illegal waste rarely caught. Local officials in the Oil Patch say they know some truck drivers are dumping liquid waste in remote areas to save time and money, but it's rare to be able to pursue criminal charges.

http://www.twincities.com/national/ci_25075083/north-dakota-oil-patch-truckers-dumping-illegal-waste

(Fort Yates) Standing Rock copes with fuel shortage. Propane prices more than doubled last week and the prices have made it expensive to heat homes, exacerbating the problems on the Standing Rock reservation.

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/standing-rock-cope-with-fuel-shortage/article_3d313bf2-8ebd-11e3-9853-0019bb2963f4.html

(North Dakota) North Dakota likely to run oil pipeline inspection program. Public Service Commission Chairman Brian Kalk says it is "very likely" the regulatory agency will ask state lawmakers to create an inspection program for oil pipelines in North Dakota, an idea propelled by a massive oil spill last fall near Tioga. http://www.twincities.com/national/ci_25083946/north-dakota-likely-run-oil-pipeline-inspection-program

REGIONAL

(Montana) 92 nuclear missile officers implicated in cheating scandal, Air Force says. A U.S. Air Force official stated January 30 that the number of nuclear missile launch officers under investigation for allegedly cheating or being aware of the cheating on an important proficiency exam rose at the Malmstrom Air Force Base

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in Montana from 34 to 92.

<http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2014/01/30/22508088-92-nuclear-missile-officers-implicated-in-cheating-scandal-air-force-says>

(Minnesota) 65-mile long oil leak reported in SE Minn. Officials are investigating but believe a bad valve from a Canadian Pacific Railway oil tanker caused a 12,000-gallon, 65-mile long oil spill in Winona, Minnesota. Crews are cleaning up the spill and continue to inspect the extent of damage.

http://www.news8000.com/news/65mile-long-oil-leak-reported-in-se-mn/-/326/24293496/-/74wj0bz/-/index.html?hpt=us_bn9

NATIONAL

(National) 'One ring' cell phone scams, \$9.84 credit card charges. The Better Business Bureau warned cell phone users about a "one ring" scam where scammers program computers to call random cell phones from an international number and hang up after one ring. If a user calls the number back, an automatic \$19.95 international call fee plus \$9.00 per minute is charged.

<http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=resources&id=9412370>

(National) Hotel company investigates data breach, card fraud. Hospitality company White Lodging Services announced that it is investigating reports of a data breach between March 2013 and late December 2013 that may have exposed customers' payment card information. The company manages 168 hotels in 21 States under franchises including Hilton, Sheraton, Marriott, and Westin.

<http://www.informationweek.com/security/attacks-and-breaches/hotel-company-investigates-data-breach-card-fraud/d/d-id/1113671>

INTERNATIONAL

(International) Pennsylvania firm recalls chicken noodle soup due to misbranding and undeclared allergens. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced that ConAgra Foods of Pennsylvania recalled approximately 54,673 pounds of chicken noodle soup products that were misbranded as "Healthy Choice Chicken with Rice" soup and do not declare wheat and egg on the label. The product was distributed to retailers nationwide, and in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico.

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<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2014/recall-011-2014-release>

BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY

(International) Tor-based malware ChewBacca used to steal card data from POS systems. Researchers at RSA found that the ChewBacca trojan has been used to log track 1 and track 2 data from compromised point-of-sale (POS) systems since October 2013 in attacks targeting dozens of retailers.

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Tor-Based-Malware-ChewBacca-Used-to-Steal-Card-Data-from-POS-Systems-422634.shtml>

CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMERCIAL FACILITIES

Nothing Significant to Report

COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

CRITICAL MANUFACTURING

Nothing Significant to Report

DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR

Nothing Significant to Report

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Nothing Significant to Report

ENERGY

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(Pennsylvania) Berks woman admits to role in copper thefts from Pottstown-area PECO substations. A Reading woman pleaded guilty to assisting three others in a scheme to steal copper ground wire from PECO Energy substations in the Pottstown area, taking over 140 pounds of copper wire from several substations between 2011 and 2012. <http://www.pottsmmerc.com/general-news/20140130/berks-woman-admits-to-role-in-copper-thefts-from-pottstown-area-peco-substations>

(Wisconsin) Milwaukee-based power plant to switch to natural gas. The Wisconsin Public Service Commission approved We Energies' application to switch its Valley Power Plant in Milwaukee from coal to natural gas January 31. The conversion will take place in two parts, one turbine at a time. <http://badgerherald.com/news/2014/02/03/milwaukee-coal-plant-switch-natural-gas/>

(California) Assault on California power station raises alarm on potential for terrorism. Pacific Gas and Electric Company confirmed an April 2013 attack at its Metcalf transmission substation near San Jose where snipers shot at the site and knocked out 17 giant transformers that transmit power to Silicon Valley. Electric-grid officials rerouted power and made repairs, and no one has been arrested in connection with the attack. http://online.wsj.com/news/article_email/SB10001424052702304851104579359141941621778-IMyQjAxMTA0MDAwNDQwNDQyWj

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Iowa; South Dakota) Knoxville couple ordered to pay \$1.3M for false wool claims. An Iowa couple was ordered to pay \$1.38 million after submitting 132 false claims for wool loan deficiency payments for their business, L & J Wool & Fur, while they did not own sheep. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/viewart/20140206/NEWS01/302060090/Knoxville-couple-ordered-to-pay-1-3M-for-false-wool-claims>

GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)

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(National) Recruiting fraud, kickback scandal rocks Army. A U.S. Army official stated that programs and funding were terminated in February 2012 after more than 800 soldiers utilized them for gaming the U.S. National Guard's Recruiting Assistance Program which paid hundreds of millions in bonuses to soldiers who convinced friends to sign up during critical time periods. The soldiers are under criminal investigation.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/02/03/army-national-guard-bogus-bonus-payments-iraq-afghanistan/5182717/>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(International) Insecure file sharing puts corporate data at risk. Globalscape released the results of a survey of over 500 corporate professionals and found that in the past 12 months, 63 percent of employees used personal email to send sensitive documents, and that employees frequently used potentially insecure consumer cloud services and sites to store sensitive information, among other findings. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16318>

PUBLIC HEALTH

(National) CVS to drop sales of tobacco by October. CVS Caremark Corp announced February 5 that it would stop the sales of tobacco products at its 7,600 nationwide stores by October, becoming the first U.S. drugstore chain to take the products off the shelf. <http://news.msn.com/us/cvs-to-drop-sales-of-tobacco>

TRANSPORTATION

(Washington D.C.) Railroad agency to deploy special track inspection equipment in Casselton area. Federal railroad regulators will send a special device to inspect track around Casselton, where four trains have derailed in less than a decade. <http://www.grandforksherald.com/content/railroad-agency-deploy-special-track-inspection-equipment-casselton-area>

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WATER AND DAMS

(California) California cuts off water to agencies serving millions amid drought.

In order to increase their efforts to promote water conservation, California water officials announced January 31 that they will not send any more water from the State's reservoir system to local agencies starting this spring. The move will affect 25 million people and the irrigation of 1 million acres of farmland.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/02/02/california-cuts-off-water-to-agencies-serving-millions-amid-drought/>

NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: ndslic@nd.gov; Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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